



Star of the Stormy Sea

Quarterly Newsletter of the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success Fall, 2009

**“... When your souls suffer temptations and are immersed in grief
...turn to her with confidence and say,**

*Star of the stormy sea of my mortal life, May your light shine upon me
so that I do not stray from the path that leads me to heaven.”*

(Taken from “The Testament of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres” January 16th, 1635)

Dear Friends of the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success,



This September, 2009 kicked off our fundraiser to assist the Conceptionist Sisters in Quito, Ecuador in preparing for the 400th Anniversary of the devotion to Our Lady of Good Success. The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success sent over 2500 letters to our members and friends. As a result, hundreds of you - devotees of Our Lady of Good Success- have responded. Currently, we have been able to raise \$10,000 for these projects. We had written in our letter that we need at least \$15,000 to see accomplish these projects. We are two-thirds there!

We have ordered the medals and other sacramentals bearing the image of Our Lady of Good Success that the

Sisters requested. We are in the midst of translating the “*Chiesa viva*” #413 “**Our Lady Condemns Masonry.**” The 400th Anniversary prayer cards are in the design stages. We are hoping to have this finished in time for February 2, 2010. We ask you prayers for our continued success with our work.

All benefactors of the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception will be remembered for their generosity by having their names presented to the Mother Abbess and the Community on February 2nd, 2010 to be commemorated in their daily prayers and sacrifices. (Even if you cannot send a monetary donation but desire to pray for these intentions– send your name in so we know that we have your moral support and prayers to back us. You are our spiritual benefactors! – we are busy adding names every day) We need everyone’s help!!!

Please send donation (with a memo stating that is to be used for the 400th Anniversary projects) to: The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success, 1288 Summit Ave Suite 107, Oconomowoc, WI. 53066 Phone: 262-567-0920

On a Sad note...

The weekend after we had just mailed out our fundraiser letter to you on the 400th Anniversary, we had a serious setback as a tragedy struck our family. On September 20th, 2009, as our family was returning from two wakes, our son, Andres and Kathleen’s mother, Helen Zibolski, were in

a terrible accident. Helen died that night as a result of injuries sustained from that accident. As Divine Providence arranged it, she went to **Mass, Confession and Holy Communion** with us that morning. She received the **Last Rites** as well. She died wearing the **brown scapular and medals of the Holy Face and Protection Cross**. Our son, Andres, had a concussion and amnesia from the accident but has recovered very well. For us, it is one of the greatest losses we will ever experience in our life as we were very close to Helen. She is so greatly and sorely missed by us all. She was a faithful supporter of The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success, offering her time and assistance when she could. Weekly, she would come to help with our homeschooling of our children. It has been very difficult to resume work with such a shocking deprivation that has penetrated our beings to the depth of our hearts. There are not enough words to express our sorrow, so I will end it here. However, God is good and everything He does is for the benefit of our souls. We humbly ask for prayers for my mother, Helen Zibolski and our family.

We wish to thank everyone who has written or called to express their condolences, pray for Helen's soul and our family and having Masses offered for her. It has been the best consolation for us! We thank all of the dear priests who offered Masses for the repose of her soul without us even asking! This demonstration of true charity from our friends will never be forgotten! May God reward each and every one of you for your acts of true kindness and charity!

MODERNISM: A WELL OF HERESY

Taken from Chiesa viva # **419**

By Father Luigi Villa

It was on September 8, 1907 that Saint Pius X published his Encyclical "Pascendi Domini Gregis" in which he condemned the very serious error of modernism, "the epitome of all heresy", on the basis of which the Catholic religion should be updated in order to bring it up to pace with the ideas and ways of modern times, in other words, (modernism advocates) a substantial transformation of the "Truths" taught by the Church, because (in this way) they would no longer be immutable but constantly evolving.

Let us recall the ecumenical meetings among Christians (of different denominations), previously condemned by Pope Pius XI, but subsequently upheld by Pope John Paul II, and then broadened (in scope) to include non-Christian religions. Remember the use of the table (*as opposed to the altar*) and the introduction of the vernacular languages, although these were, at first, strictly prohibited by Pope Pius XII with his Encyclical "Mediator Dei", but were subsequently introduced by Paul VI.

And so Modernism developed inside the Mystical Body, largely thanks to many weak Bishops who were superficial in the administration of their Diocese, especially in their (non)vigilance against the errors already being professed by their clergy. And thus, little by little, Modernism began to be supported by the Catholic episcopacy and this would then lead to the revolution of Vatican II. These serious positions of the episcopacy thwarted the "Pascendi Domini Gregis" of Saint Pius X, especially because the professors who openly supported Modernism were not removed from the seminaries, in this way allowing it (Modernism) to penetrate inside the Church

to such an extent that it (totally) penetrated and imposed itself with the Second Vatican Council, dragging whole States into apostasy.

Now, the point of reference is **the great holy figure of Saint Pius X**, whose example and teaching we must follow, **even if it means keeping one's distance from those who seek (in the meaning of searching, studying, trying to make discoveries) in the error**, confident in Christ founder of His Church, which is certainly not the church of Vatican II. As the 100th anniversary of the "Pascendi Domini Gregis" draws near, we must follow in the footsteps of the faithful servants of the Church, such as the members of the "Sodalitium Pianum", (be) animated by the same spirit and the same zeal to fight the "good battle" of integral, anti-modernist and anti-liberal Catholicism. (We must strive to be) authentic "Christians", and not "ratzingerians" who, while using the very words Tradition, Orthodoxy, infallibility, etc, and attributing different meanings to these words, actually aided in the accomplishment of the state of heresy and schism, paving the way for an ecumenical church where everyone can claim their own doctrinal particularism.

We, traditionalists, must understand that Ratzinger **wants us to place ourselves in the modernist point of view** which denies any objectivity, and this is why he will never be able to satisfy the need we have of the Catholic Faith. *This (fact in itself) is sufficient for us to remain faithful to our Catholic Faith!*

The SECRET OF THE EMPTY TOMB OF PADRE PIO

[Editor's Note: The Apostolate was given permission to print this article on the topic of the last days Padre Pio by "Chiesa viva" which were originally published in Italian. These articles are based off the work of an Italian journalist, Enrico Malatesta who has done extensive work to expose the truth on the life of Padre Pio taken mainly from his last book on the subject "Padre Pio – That Last Secret"

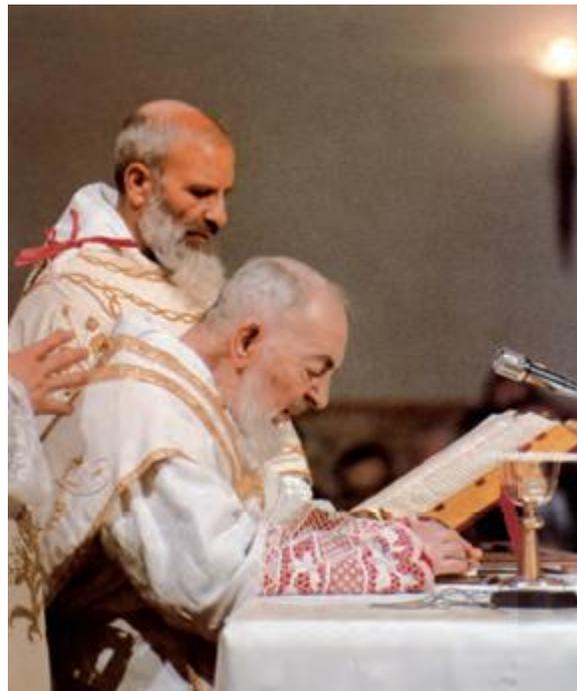
This section is quoted from a diary of an unnamed priest which the author, Enrico Malatesta named "Fr. Illuminato" who happened to be visiting the Monastery during the time of the 50th Anniversary celebrations when the Padre Pio Prayer Groups from all over the world convened there in 1969. We thank "Chiesa viva" for their generosity in allowing us to reprint this article.]

Part 2

Taken from: "Chiesa viva" May, 2009, N° 416

Sunday September 22, 1968.

The Morning was extraordinarily special as Padre Pio was celebrating the 50th anniversary of his reception of the Stigmata. The "Prayer groups" which he had founded, had convened from all over the world to San Giovanni Rotondo



[it was an International Meeting of the “Prayers group” in S.G. Rotondo, the first in S.G.R but not the First of the International Meetings!]. The countryside overflowed with people hoping to get a glimpse of Padre Pio. The Father Guardian, **Carmelo of S. Giovanni in Galdo**, gave his approval for the concelebration of a Sung High Mass. In 1964, The Father Guardian, **who had come to S.G. Rotondo in 1964, enjoyed a reputation of being very close to formalistic compliance rather than to theological preparation**, and it was said that the reason for his transfer [to S.G. [Rotondo](#)] was due to his friendship with the Provincial Definitor of the Capuchin Order, **Father Clemente of Santa Maria in Punta**, who wanted him there, as his person of trust. Who knows why?

On the previous day, Saturday, **the medical doctor, Dr. Sala, found Padre Pio in a new and alarming state of health crisis, perhaps the most serious of all he had up until now.** Sunday morning his condition was even worse. Seated in his wheelchair with his head wrapped with his customary, long, brown, wool scarf he leaned forward on his arms. Padre Pio was praying in recollection. Sweating and gasping, marked with a deathly pallor, he let slide between its fingers the untiring “weapon”: the beads of his rosary.

“Father, It is your feast day... outside there is an immense crowd... you must celebrate...” said Father Onorato and Father Valentino, already dressed in the vestments of the Mass. Padre Pio said “I can’t make it, I can’t make it!” Father Carmelo arrived and was angry. He came with renewed attempts to make Padre Pio understand his situation, he said sharply that the Mass had been already announced as a Sung Mass and...

“The Mass will be sung! ... It is the precept of obedience.”

The harsh order of Father Carmelo had left everyone a little surprised - perhaps the shock of this demonstration of so much misunderstanding and hardness showed on our faces. Padre Pio was dying and he knew it!

Those unexcusable orders therefore expressed a great irresponsible cynicism, a **contemptible**, compliance to the Rule. Why all this?

A few days before, the Vatican nominated Father Carmelo General Coordinator of the “Prayer Groups” and, that morning, in addition to the large crowd of devotees, **the Provincial Director, Father Clemente of Santa Maria in Punta**, his ineffable supporter, would be attending the Mass and the announcement of Father Carmelo’s new appointment.

Padre Pio was always transported, in the wheelchair, to the altar; there was a chorus of excited voices and a murmuring arose in the hall; many barely able to hold back their emotions and indignation at seeing this poor old man, who was sad and consumed by his pain. Everyone’s sorrow was visible as he went to offer the Holy Rite of the Altar, his sacrifice.

Then all was silent and Mass began.

The Mass ended, in a single echo: “Viva Padre Pio, Best wishes Padre Pio!” A deafening roar and an indescribable enthusiasm greeted his blessing. **All at once, a cry froze in the air! Padre Pio, getting up to leave the altar, suddenly turned on one side, was falling. It was the last act of the ascent to Mount Calvary, the last fall!**

Father Guglielmo [the American nicknamed “**Bill**”] supported Padre Pio under his arms and, placed him in the wheelchair, led him back to his cell where he later suffered a second collapse.

Around 11 P.M., he went down to hear confessions to the general amazement of all. Then, he went back to the cell and his bed. Padre Pio was agitated, sweaty, and gasping for breath. With fixed eyes, he gazed upward. Then he asked to be confessed. Father Pellegrino confessed him.

Padre Pio became even more agitated. The perspiration and pallor increased. Strong tremors shook his whole being, his eyes fixed in his surroundings. With convulsed eyes, he watched something or someone that was there, right in front of him and that only he saw...

And then, something happened.

Father Pellegrino tried to support Padre Pio as he fell out of bed, he grabbed him under the arms, like he always did before when Padre Pio would begin to walk, but... Padre Pio stood, suddenly no longer burdened by the weight of his years or his terrible pain, **he was full of an unexpected vigor, never seen before**. He headed towards the washbasin. He washed and dried his face. He even combed his hair, as if to prepare for a visit for an important appointment.

Father Pellegrino was shocked, and could not believe his eyes, he walked close to Padre Pio because he feared that any moment...

Padre Pio headed towards the corridor, turned on the light and went towards the veranda where he remained alone. He whispered something and, raised his right arm as he turned to someone, he uttered phrases of which one witness can distinguish only the last words of that speech: “... **All right ... as You wish... Your will be done!**”

Whom was Padre Pio speaking with, if Father Pellegrino was only reaching him now? Who else was in the corridor? Nobody! Then, what was happening?

«And “**someone**” was there in fact but certainly that “someone” was none of us poor mortals...

Only later, when I saw Padre Pio die, then I understood. That night Father had engaged in sweet conversation with Christ. His earthly mission had been completed; His Spouse of Love had come to collect him...

I write these words in my notes, not for me, or even to remember what my eyes have seen and will never forget but only because one day you will know.

The kindness and great mercy of God has allowed that, on that extraordinary night I (Alas how much undeservedly!), I would be the unsuspecting witness of a miraculous event». ¹

In those weeks preceding Sunday, September 22, the stigmata of Padre Pio presented a strange condition.

While the stigmata on the backs of the hands was slowly disappearing, on the palms, the wounds are still fresh and bleeding

That morning, during the religious service, celebrated by Padre Pio, something extraordinary had just been completed. The stigma of the left hand had completely disappeared from the palm of his hand.

The culmination of the mystery.

“The Rosary is the chain of gold that unites our heart with the Queen of Heaven”

[Editor’s Note: The above quote is found presently on a cloistered wall in the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception, Quito, Ecuador which is the home of the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Good Success. If the good Conceptionists feel it is a necessary to write this on their walls as a reminder for themselves, we felt it a good idea to once again to print an article reminding us of the merits of the daily recitation of the Rosary.]

“If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory.” St. Louis de Montfort

By Heidi Knuth

Saints have preached it, Popes have written whole encyclicals about it, and ordinary Catholics have made it an indispensable part of their daily lives. It has converted heathens and sinners, cured the sick in body and soul, effected sweeping victories. It is one of the simplest, yet most powerful devotions that we have been given. Yet the importance of the Rosary, and much of its attractiveness, lies not in its power, but in the beauty of its meditative nature. As one Catholic writer explains, “It trains men to think...on the great events...in the life of our lord and his blessed mother. Thus shall they learn...those fundamental lessons of justice, charity and equity which should govern all their social and economic life.”[1] The Rosary has been a crucial part of the message in nearly every modern Marian apparition. From Lourdes to Fatima, Our Lady has asked that we pray the Rosary, and not merely saying the prayers by rote. She herself points out the fact that meditation is at the very heart of the Rosary and what makes it so meaningful and profitable in the development of one’s spiritual life. She says,

“It is a very beautiful, profitable prayer, a service which is very pleasing to me, to recite the Angelic Salutation 150 times. But more pleasing to me, and much more profitable, is the Angelic Salutation when it is combined with meditation on the life, Passion, and glory of Jesus Christ, for meditation is the soul of this prayer.”[2]

For its entire history, the Rosary has been a tool, not merely for counting a specified number of prescribed prayers, but for education and meditation on the mysteries of the Faith. In its early years, the Rosary was used as a substitute for the Psalms that religious recited as part of the liturgy and their Divine Office.[3] The rosary serves as a comprehensive visual reminder of the mysteries and truths of the Catholic Faith. From the Incarnation of the 1st Joyful mystery, to the Resurrection of the 2nd Glorious, the Rosary provides food for thought for each stage of Our Lord’s life and that of His Blessed Mother. It also reflects the seasons of the liturgical year, lending itself to contemplation in the appropriate spirit, whether that be penitential, hopeful or exultant. Like the stained glass windows of the great cathedrals, that illuminated both the space within the nave and the space inside men’s minds, the rosary serves as a visual reminder of the stories on which our faith is based. It provides scenes for the educated and illiterate alike to know exactly who Our Lord and Our Lady are in the very simplest and most profound terms.

The form of the Rosary “originated in the effort to find a prayer for the laity corresponding to the Latin Psalter of the canonical hours.”[4] and has changed much over the centuries. It began as a series of simply 150 Our Fathers, then incorporated Hail Marys, and finally divided into decades and mysteries with other prayers attached. Through these changes, as prayers were added and

dropped, and as combinations and organizations of the prayers were rearranged, meditation on the lives of Jesus and Mary remained an integral aspect of the devotion. Though the question of specifically which aspects and events were to be meditated upon was often in flux as well, they never disappeared. At times it has even prescribed a mystery for each of the 150 prayers. Every individual Hail Mary or Our Father was attached to some event in the life of Our Lord or Our Lady, or both. They included such things as Mary's presentation in the Temple, the birth of St. John the Baptist (a prefigure of Christ), the Gloria in Excelsis of the Angels at the Nativity, the flight into Egypt, Christ's baptism, St. Peter's denial, the washing of the apostles' feet, Jesus' presentation of Himself to the Apostles after the Resurrection and many, many more.[5] 150 insights into the lives of the Holy Family and 150 opportunities to study and become familiar with and attached to the faith.

Though we now have books on the Faith and on meditation and the lives of Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother, how often do we take full advantage of the Rosary and meditate--truly take time to think, on each mystery? The split second between mentioning it at the beginning of each decade and beginning the next Our Father hardly does them justice. If "meditation is the soul of this prayer", then it stands to reason that it should be given the most importance! Our Lady's 15 Rosary promises specifically mention this as well. "Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune." [6] How easy it is to know and memorize the mysteries of each decade, how simple it should be, then to spend just a minute or two contemplating each one. We should not say our rosaries. We should pray them--mysteries, meditation and all.

[1] Schwertner, Thomas. O.P., S.T.Lr. L.I.D. *The Rosary: A Social Remedy*. Milwaukee: the Bruce Publishing Company, 1934. p 5

[2] Willam, Franz Michel. *The Rosary: Its History and Meaning*. trans. Rev Edwin Kaiser, C. PP. S. Chicago: Benziger Brothers, Inc., 1952 p 39

[3] Winston-Allen, Anne. *Stories of the Rose: the Making of the Rosary in the Middle Ages*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1942.p 18

[4] Willam, Franz Michel. *The Rosary: Its History and Meaning*. trans. Rev Edwin Kaiser, C. PP. S. Chicago: Benziger Brothers, Inc., 1952. p 12

[5] Willam, Franz Michel. *The Rosary: Its History and Meaning*. trans. Rev Edwin Kaiser, C. PP. S. Chicago: Benziger Brothers, Inc., 1952. p33

[6] Anonymous. *15 Promises of Mary Prayercard*. Charlotte, NC: Tan Books and Publishers.

Devotion to the Holy Face: Weapon against Communism

Our Lord appeared to Sr. Marie St. Peter to ask for devotion to the **Holy Face** to make reparation for the sins of blasphemy and neglect of our Sunday duty. Our Lord made her realize that this reparation would also extend to cover the work of the Communists who had just formed their society in the 1840's.. Our Lord considered these Communists the epitome of blasphemers.

He said to her: "**Think now, My daughter, of the outrages inflicted on Me by this Society of Communism. They are the ones who have dragged Me from My tabernacles, and desecrated My sanctuaries.. These Communists have also dared to lay their hands on the priests of the Lord... Have they not committed the crime of Judas? They have sold Me for money!**"

In her diary on April 1, 1847, Sr. Marie St. Peter writes:

"Our Lord continues still to charge me with the mission of making war on the communists. He supplies me with the grace and light for the battle. The instruments of His passion serve me as weapons of war, while the Holy Name of God which is so terrifying to the demons, as also that of the Blessed Virgin Mary, serve me as ammunitions."

On April 6, 1847, which seems to have been her last entry into her diary, she writes:

“I have entered the arena to battle with the enemies of God... I proceed to enter the battlefield, fortified with the Cross and the other instruments of Our Lord’s tortures as my weapons of war...”

A CHAPLET OF REPARATION was given by Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter to battle against the enemies of God, especially communists.

*** On the Crucifix say:** *Eternal Father I offer Thee the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ and all the other instruments of His Holy Passion, that Thou mayst put division in the camp of Thy enemies; for as Thy Beloved Son has said, “A kingdom divided against itself shall fall.”*

*** On the next five beads say:**

- 1) May God arise and let His enemies be scattered and let those who hate Him flee before His Face!
- 2) May the thrice Holy Name of God overthrow all their plans!
- 3) May the Holy Name of the Living God split them up by disagreements!
- 4) May the terrible Name of the God of Eternity stamp out all of their godlessness!
- 5) Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but that he be converted and live. “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

*** On the medal say:** the “Golden Arrow” prayer.

*** On the thirty three white beads say:** Arise, O Lord, and let Thy enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Thee flee before Thy Face.

*** On each of the six large beads say:** “My Jesus, mercy” and one “Glory Be”.

*** On the medal at the end say:** the ejaculation above, and the following is recommended; “O Mary conceived without sin, Patroness of the United States of America, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.”

Promises Of Our Lord Jesus Christ To Those Devoted To His Holy Face

1. I will give them contrition so perfect, that their very sins shall be changed in My sight into jewels of precious gold .
2. None of these persons shall ever be separated from Me.
3. In offering My Face to My Father, they will appease His anger, and they will purchase as with celestial coin, pardon for poor sinners.
4. I will open My Mouth to plead with My Father to grant all the petitions that they will present to Me.
5. I will illuminate them with My light. I will consume them with My love. I will render them fruitful of good works.
6. They will, as the pious Veronica, wipe My adorable Face outraged by sin, and I will imprint My divine Features in their souls.
7. At their death, I will renew in them the image of God effaced by sin.
8. By resemblance to My Face, they will shine more than many others in eternal life, and the brilliancy of My Face will fill them with joy.

~~These inestimable promises are drawn from the works of St. Gertrude of St. Mechtilde and from the writings of Sister Marie de Saint Pierre, a Carmelite who died at Tours, in the odor of sanctity)

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On the topic of “Chiesa viva” #413, ‘Our Lady Condemns Masonry’

April 1, 2009 Concerning the Edition of “Chiesa viva” #413,

I am so very grateful to receive your most beautiful tribute to Our Lady of Good Success. I also appreciate the enclosed letter. I intend to circulate it to certain nuns and priests in our parish. I

felt an overwhelming humility viewing the lovely photos and spellbinding history of this cult. God the Father has surely blessed you abundantly to be so inspired. I was to order 2 more copies to be sure I will always have one. I am so pleased and I know Our Lady will warm so many hearts in these dark days...Please enclose the letter of Father Luigi Villa in each one.
God bless you always Mrs BF (80years old) USA

April 1, 2009

Hello! Thank you so much for our copy of "*Chiesa viva*" which we recently received we really appreciate it. We will pray for Father Villa and all of you at the Apostolate . Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Jesus and His Holy Mother. JS and KS USA

I enjoyed reading the 2 "*Chiesa viva*" magazine [the one on OLOGS and the Padre Pio] but am also saddened by its contents. I am requesting 2 more magazines and sending money for a subscription for someone who lives in the Philippines

March 28, 2009

...In this world that is rapidly falling into Lucifer's control and becoming so alien to the Truth, it is comforting that there are souls out there who are fighting the same battle for Jesus Christ and His One True Church. May Our Lady of Good Success watch over all of us and help persevere in keeping the Faith, **no matter what happens.** Enclosed is... for 10 copies of the beautiful magazine Chiesa viva. C. A. USA

OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCES, PILGRIM VIRGIN, IS ON HER JOURNEY FROM HOME TO HOME

Last year I was blessed to come to know about Our Lady of Good Success. I ordered cards and a statue for my chapel within my hermitage from The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success. Our Lady of Good Success arrived at my Hermitage the day our new president was being inaugurated. I believe she wanted to be with us in the United States at this time. On February 2nd, we had a special anniversary mass in her honor. Our Lady captured my heart. I understood through prayer, I was to get a second statue. She was to become a Pilgrim Statue, a traveling statue in our area. She wanted to be made known for her devotion spread.

I asked permission from my pastor, a member of the Priestly Order of St. Peter, for a blessing for our chapel. We placed a leaflet in our bulletins telling them of our quest. Many people in our area had not heard of her before. Their hearts were opened and she was welcomed into their homes. Our Lady is becoming more and more known and requests for her visitation are coming in daily. She stays with each family for a week at a time. Also if people are ill and request her, she stays for a longer visit. I send along a DVD explaining her story and prayer cards.

These families are so grateful and are faithful in praying before her as a family each evening and reciting the holy rosary too. It became a beautiful way for families to pray together and receive special graces. This is a wonderful way to spread the good news. All of those that have met Our Lady of Good Success are on fire and wish to promote her. Our Lady is blessing us and we are so thankful that she is with us. I pray that her 400th anniversary is a great success. I will be spiritually united with everyone that will be traveling to Quito. I will remain in the silence and solitude of my hermitage united with all of you in my daily prayers, those that go and those that

stay at home. Be assured of my continued prayers. May God continue to bless you all, now and forever and always. Humbly, Hermit Sister , Pennsylvania

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FOR EXPECTANT MOTHER WITH BRAIN TUMOR

Dear Friends,

Urgent prayers are needed for a young mother, Alicia Bradley, who has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor (the tumor is not contained, it has “fingers,” making it impossible to remove). The family has 10 children and Alicia is pregnant, due in January, with her 11th. The doctors are hoping to take the baby at 7 months.

Six years ago she had a tumor removed from her brain, she was cancer free for 6 years - in May, after an MRI, it was discovered she had another tumor. In pre-op testing, it was found out that she was pregnant, she had the operation still (with the approval of the priest) - several weeks ago, she was not feeling well, had some tests, and to the amazement of the surgeon, there is a tumor the size of a grapefruit in her head - with "legs" which means that is cannot be removed, as there are too many tentacles. Alicia is on a fruit and vegetable-only diet, and they are hoping to stop the growth of this tumor and, perhaps, with supplements, actually reduce it. May God’s Holy Will be done. She has only been given between 3-6 weeks to live. The only operation she may have is one to remove part of it to relieve pressure in her head. The doctors are hoping she will live long enough for them to take the baby at 7 months - she is 5 months pregnant. All of her children have just been told recently, and the mother and 3 young children are with family near Syracuse to help care for things. We are asking God, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, for a miracle. Please, in addition to remembering her in your daily prayers and rosaries, add 3 Memorares for this intention. Also, if you are able to help this family financially with their escalating bills, it would be a great blessing. Donations in any amount can be sent to Alicia's sister-in-law, Colleen Edwards, 2758 Connors Road , Baldwinsville , NY 13027 .

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS

[Taken from the booklet titled: “Our Lady of Good Success Chaplet” which was translated into English in 2008. Imprimatur – Quito, 1947]

Oh! Mary Immaculate of Good Success, Holy Mother, through the special and singular love that thou givest us, protect and defend us from the enemies of our salvation, both visible and invisible. Come to our assistance, so that the virtues of charity and humility may rule among us, and that we may enjoy thy maternal protection and be thy dignified children. Thou hast never denied us any grace suitable for our sanctification and salvation, which we ask of thee and which thou kindly anticipate to provide for our own good. Holy Virgin of Good Success, with this confidence, we present ourselves to thee in need of the graces of conversion, sanctification, and perseverance in the service of Jesus and thee (Mary). We implore thee that, thou piously grant us chastity, charity and humility; so that adorned with these virtues, we manifest ourselves as thy children and be the testimony of how thou dost never abandon those that, with faith, have recourse to thee. Amen

Ejaculation

Oh Mary Immaculate of Good Success,
Pray for the Church, pray for our country!

Three Hail Mary’s

(His Excellency, the Bishop of the diocese [of Quito] concedes 50 days of indulgence to those who devoutly pray this prayer and ejaculation)

Quarterly Newsletter – In 2006, we started this project of a periodical to help spread the devotion to Our Lady of Good Success through the Apostolate members own testimonials. Currently, we are asking a \$10.00 donation annually. We do not send out reminders to our members to send a donation. If you are not interested in this publication, please contact us to remove you from the mailing list. Presently, only 10% of our mailing list have been contributing to the newsletter. Thank you for your continued support! Donations are accepted, greatly needed and appreciated! **Look at the website to find out the latest news on the Pilgrimage of Good Success 2010.**
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